



2 November 1998

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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 23 September 1998 regarding Self-Governing Schools in which you refer to your correspondence of 9 July 1998. We have no record of this therefore there has not been a response.

I am however committed to keeping all those interested in the Self-Governing Schools initiative, such as your Federation, informed of progress. I have attached the information kit used for our series of briefings conducted in late August.

We have received over 30 applications from schools wishing to commence self-governance at the start of next year and we are working with others that are looking to start at a later date. After the approved schools have successfully negotiated their contractual arrangements through Educational Services Agreements the Minister will announce the names of those schools. It is anticipated that this will not be completed until late in the year.

It is also anticipated that the Minister will soon announce the establishment of an Educational Trust to assist Self-Governing and other schools in a number of ways including liaising with third parties such as your Federation.

I appreciate your ongoing interest in the Self-Governing Schools initiative and look forward to ongoing dialogue with the Co-operative Federation of Victoria.

Yours Sincerely

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